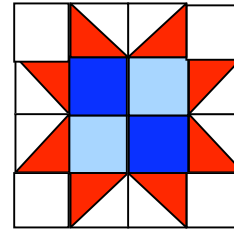


Four Patch Star

September 2008



Fabric: The Four Patch Star Block requires three different fabrics with good contrast, and a white or off-white fabric. Use 1/4" seams throughout, and be careful to match your points!

Cut:

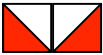
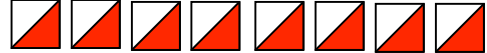
- four 3-1/2" squares of white/off-white fabric
- two 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle of white/off-white fabric
- two 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangles of red fabric
- one 3-1/2" x 7" rectangle of bright blue fabric
- one 3-1/2" x 7" rectangle of a different, complementary blue fabric

Make half-square triangles:

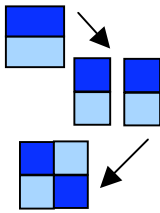
1) With right sides together, place a red and a white/off-white 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle on top of each other, lightest of the two fabrics on top. Lightly draw a straight line 3-7/8" from the short edge dividing the rectangle in half and forming two squares. Then draw two diagonal lines through the center of the two squares as shown. Pin the two rectangles together. Sew a line 1/4" away from the diagonal line on both sides. Repeat with the other two 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangles.



2) Cut the rectangles apart on the drawn lines creating four half-square triangle components. Press the seams toward the red fabric. The finished half-square triangles should each measure 3-1/2" square.

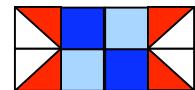


3) Sew together two half-square triangles as shown. Repeat this step to make four units ("half-square triangle rows"). Each should measure 3-1/2" x 6-1/2."

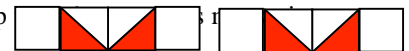


4) Sew together the 3-1/2" x 7" blue and complementary blue rectangles, right sides together. Press the seam toward the bright blue side. Cut the sewn rectangle in half to make two units, each measuring 3-1/2" x 6-1/2." Reverse one, and sew them together to make one four-patch unit as shown. The four-patch unit should measure 6-1/2" square.

5) Sew a half-square triangle to each side as shown, pressing the seam toward the blue four-patch. This creates the middle row of your Block. It should measure 6-1/2" x 12-1/2."



6) Sew one 3-1/2" white/off-white square to the end of a half-square triangle row, pressing the seam toward the white end. Sew another 3-1/2" white/off-white square to the other end of the row, and then press the seam toward that white end. Repeat this step 3-1/2" x 12-1/2."



These are the two outer rows of your Block.

7) Assemble the three rows as shown to complete your Four-Patch Star Block.

